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Under the Tunney Act, I wish to comment on the proposed Microsoft settlement. While I agree with the problems identified in Dan Kegel's analysis (on the Web at <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html>), I choose to focus on only a specific problem, and to present my objections in my own words.

My primary objection with the proposed settlement is that, despite the finding that Microsoft had engaged in monopolistic practices, the proposed settlement offers no relief to those affected -- either other corporations or individual consumers. Additionally, in my professional opinion, the proposed settlement contains no measures that would provide a realistic deterrent against Microsoft engaging in the same sorts of anti-competitive, monopolistic behavior in the future. Indeed, I believe that several features in their new "Windows XP" operating system are designed with specific anti-competitive goals in mind.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

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